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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(JUDICIAL-II BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 26th September, 2025

No.S.O.304/C.A.46/2023/S.20/2025.- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (11) of section 20 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act 46 of 2023), and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to notify the following additional powers and functions of the Director of Prosecution, Deputy Director of Prosecution and Assistant Director of Prosecution, namely:-

(1) **Powers and Functions of Director of Prosecution:-**

The Director of Prosecution shall have the following additional powers and functions, namely:-

I. to monitor cases in which offences are punishable for ten years or more, or with life imprisonment, or with death; to expedite the proceedings and to give opinion on filing of appeals;

II. shall be the in-charge of criminal litigation of the State. He shall be primarily responsible for ensuring responsible prosecution before all the criminal courts in criminal cases of the state;

III. to control and supervise the functions of the Deputy Directors of Prosecution, Assistant Directors of Prosecution and other Public Prosecutors to ensure responsible prosecution before the criminal Courts;

IV. to periodically review and evaluate the work of the Deputy Directors of Prosecution, Assistant Directors of Prosecution, Public prosecutors, Additional Public prosecutors, Assistant Public prosecutors and Special Public Prosecutors appearing before the criminal courts of the State;

V. to give opinion for filing of appeals or revisions etc. in criminal cases and may issue such necessary directions or take such steps that he considers appropriate to ensure that the appeals or criminal revisions etc. are filed within time;

VI. to take all necessary steps, as he may deem fit, for efficacious execution of prosecution functions and to expedite the proceedings in criminal cases of the State;

VII. to call for any information or report regarding the prosecution work from District Directorate or Public Prosecutor and shall send monthly report and necessary recommendations to the State Government for smooth discharge of prosecution work in the State;

VIII. to ensure compliance with legal and procedural requirements in the prosecution of crimes in the State, identify and address the gaps in investigation and prosecution;

IX. to ensure implementation of all policies or guidelines issued by the State Government;

X. to arrange training programs and take necessary measures for enhancing the quality of prosecution work in the state;

XI. to issue directions, instructions, guidelines, standard operating procedure regarding examination and scrutiny of challans/police reports from time to time;

XII. may call for work reports from any of his subordinates or any of Public Prosecutors through digital software such as e-prosecution, Interoperable Criminal Justice System software and by other means;

XIII. to extend cooperation and co-ordinate with all departments of the State for effective prosecution of criminal cases;

XIV. shall be responsible for improving the efficiency of the prosecutors appearing on behalf of the State and maintaining the quality of the prosecution work;

XV. to receive the proposals of criminal appeals etc. to be presented before Hon'ble High Court and shall forward it to the Government along with recommendations after examination;

XVI. shall have power to allot work of filing of revisions arising out of criminal cases to the Deputy Directors of Prosecution;

XVII. to ensure the presence of the Public Prosecutors/Additional Public Prosecutors/Special Public Prosecutors/Assistant Public Prosecutors before every criminal court of the State;

XVIII. to evaluate the work of the prosecutors and send reports with recommendations to the Government from time to time regarding their efficiency and quality;

XIX. to evaluate the workload of the prosecutors and submit a report to the State Government of organisational and internal resources for smooth functioning;

XX. to depute any of his subordinate officers to co-ordinate with the office of Advocate General in criminal cases pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Hon'ble High Courts; and

XXI. to exercise such other powers, as may be provided by the Government from time to time through general or special orders.

(2) **Powers and Functions of Deputy Director of Prosecution:-**

The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall have the following additional powers and functions, namely:-

I. to examine and scrutinise police reports and monitor cases in which offences are punishable for seven years or more, but less than ten years, for ensuring their expeditious disposal;

II. shall be the Head of the District Directorate of Prosecution and shall be subordinate to the Director of Prosecution;

III. to appear in the court of District and Sessions Judge and may appear in any other criminal court in the district for conducting prosecution, appeal or other proceedings in any of the criminal cases or class of cases on behalf of the State;

IV. to examine and scrutinize challans/police reports;

V. to monitor that the State is being represented properly before the criminal courts by his subordinates for effective prosecution and expeditious disposal of criminal cases;

VI. to allocate and review the work of his subordinates and shall send a monthly report along with his comments to the Director of Prosecution, Punjab;

VII. to ensure that the criminal appeals or revision petitions etc. are filed before the criminal Courts within the stipulated time and ensure proper representation in such cases;

VIII. to receive comments or opinions from his subordinates and after recording his opinion, shall process the cases for further necessary action;

IX. shall be responsible for filing appeals before the appellate courts at district level with the approval of District Magistrate within the stipulated period; and

X. to perform all such other duties/functions which may be assigned to him by general or special order by the Director of Prosecution, Punjab.

(3) **Powers and Functions of Assistant Director of Prosecution:-**

The Assistant Director of Prosecution shall have the following additional powers and functions, namely:-

I. to monitor cases in which offences are punishable for less than seven years;

II. to assist the Deputy Director of Prosecution in performing his functions;

III. to appear in the court of Additional District and Session Judge and any criminal court assigned to him by Deputy Director of Prosecution for conducting criminal cases;

IV. to ensure responsible prosecution and expeditious disposal of criminal cases.

V. to assist Deputy Director of Prosecution in the scrutiny of challans/ police reports and shall tender opinion or comments in legal matters as may be assigned to him by the Deputy Director of Prosecution; and

VI. to discharge all such duties and functions as may be assigned to him time to time by general or special order issued by Director of Prosecution and Deputy Director of Prosecution.

Sd/-
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